

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of)
)
Federal-State Joint Board on) CC Docket No. 96-45
Universal Service)

ORDER**Adopted: September 25, 2007****Released: September 28, 2007**

By the Commission: Chairman Martin and Commissioners Copps, Adelstein, Tate, and McDowell issuing a joint statement.


1. Pursuant to sections 254(a)(1) and 410 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,¹ the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) appoints Simon ffitich, Assistant Attorney General, Chief, Public Counsel Section, Attorney General of Washington, to serve on the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, effective October 1, 2007.² This appointment fills the position to be vacated by Billy Jack Gregg, Director of the West Virginia Consumer Advocate Division, on September 30, 2007.³ The Commission gratefully acknowledges the contributions of Billy Jack Gregg to the work of the Federal-State Joint Board, and looks forward to working with Washington State Assistant Attorney General ffitich in his new role.

2. Henceforth, a copy of all filings in this proceeding shall be served on Simon ffitich at the following address:

Simon ffitich
Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General
Public Counsel Section
800 5th Avenue, Suite 2000
Seattle, WA 98104-3188

3. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to sections 254(a)(1) and 410 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 254(a)(1), 410, this Order is ADOPTED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION


Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary

¹ 47 U.S.C. §§ 254(a)(1), 410.

² The National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA) nominated Simon ffitich to serve as a member of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service. See Letter from John R. Perkins, President, NASUCA, and Consumer Advocate of Iowa, to Kevin J. Martin, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, CC Docket No. 96-45 (dated July 12, 2007).

³ *Id.*

**JOINT STATEMENT OF
CHAIRMAN KEVIN J. MARTIN
AND COMMISSIONERS MICHAEL J. COPPS, JONATHAN S. ADELSTEIN,
DEBORAH TAYLOR TATE AND ROBERT M. MCDOWELL**

Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Simon ffitch to serve as a member of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service and look forward to working with him in his new role.

We also want to acknowledge and thank Billy Jack Gregg for his many years of distinguished and dedicated service to the Federal-State Joint Board. Billy Jack, a tireless consumer advocate with experience in multiple facets of the industry, has been extremely valuable in dealing with universal service issues, and his commitment to providing a collegial, cooperative and productive environment was much appreciated.